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Communities ready to celebrate national Independence Day

When the 4th of July parades and celebrations begin next Tuesday, they will mark an incredibly significant moment in American history: it was the day the United States officially became nation after the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776. Prior to that, our country comprised 13 colonies established by Great Britain.

The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in the history of the United States. It was an official act taken by all 13 American colonies in declaring independence from British rule.

The document was originally written by Thomas Jefferson, but Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, along with Jefferson then worked together to make changes. The final draft of the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776, but the actual signing of the final document took place on August 2, 1776.

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American citizens take part in festivities ranging from fireworks to parades, barbecues, carnivals, concerts, picnics and family gatherings in celebration of the freedoms America offers. Historically, some Americans celebrated Independence Day in the summer of 1776 by arranging for a mock funeral for King George III of England, symbolic of the death of the Crown's rule in the country.

While the first annual celebration of Independence Day happened on July 4, 1777, in Philadelphia, John Adams, a 'Founding Father' and the second president of the US, felt it should be celebrated on July 2. As such, he refused to attend the events of 4th of July, because he felt strongly about July 2 being the correct date.

Thomas Jefferson - who served as the third president of the country - became the first president to celebrate Independence Day at the White House in the year 1801. Horse races, parades, food and drinks were a part of the revelry, giving rise to a custom we see even today.

The Fourth of July did not become a federal holiday until 1870 and the date did not become a paid holiday for federal employees until 1941.

What is really special about America's celebration is the focus on the freedom and personal independence our country provides. While other countries celebrate with huge displays of military strength and lethal weapons of war, others have begun to emulate the American spirit of celebrating the rights and freedoms the United States provides to every citizen.

Northville parade draws thousands

Beauty queens, bands, floats, sports mascots and TV stars will all join the annual Northville 4th of July parade this year, along with the traditional escort of police vehicles and fire trucks.

The parade, one of the most popular events in the community, draws audiences from throughout the area to help celebrate small-town America in a big way. Thousands of people begin to line the streets in the early morning of July 4 while many city residents begin to prepare for a full-day of family and friends celebrations the night before. Spots along the route are claimed early with blankets and chairs to ensure a good viewpoint.

Miss Michigan Maya Schuhknecht will be among the parade celebrities celebrating Independence Day along with Mrs. Michigan and Junior Teen Michigan. Paws from the Detroit Tigers will be waving to the crowds along with multiple other well-known figures. State, county and local officials traditionally appear in the parade and this year well-known actor Hill Harper from CSI:NY and The Good Doctor will experience the Northville Independence Day Parade as he joins the lineup of floats.

The parade is organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and planning for the major event begins almost immediately after the last fire truck in the parade returns to the station.

Organizing and scheduling the floats, bands, community groups, churches, elected officials and local businesses appearance is a monumental task.

This will be the fifth year the chamber has taken on responsibility.

The parade will step off from Northville Downs where entries are organized and staged at 10 a.m. and march through the downtown streets for about an hour.

Plymouth Kiwanis Club sponsors early parade

Preparations for the Annual Fourth of July Parade in downtown Plymouth are under way.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth host and organize the Main Street parade which will begin at 9 a.m. July 4.

The parade includes veterans driven in vehicles, bands, floats, flags, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, cheer and pom teams and several others. More than 1,500 participants make the Good Morning USA Parade a patriotic celebration, a Kiwanis Club member noted,

"With thousands of attendees lining Main Street, it is our community's salute to America on the Fourth," he said.

Northville

Lifesavers

Coworkers, first responders save heart attack victim's life

Cristal Mouele always thought her coworkers at the University of Michigan Health Center in Northville Township were lifesavers, but it wasn't until April 20 that she truly understood their skills.

While working, Mouele suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. Recognizing the emergency, her colleagues called 911, began CPR, used an automated external defibrillator (AED), started an IV and even administered some cardiac medication prior to the arrival of township first responders.

Township police officers arrived and performed CPR and firefighter/paramedics assumed care of Mouele at the scene, providing advanced life support.

Mouele was defibrillated five times and had three rounds of cardiac medications administered when EMTs successfully distinguished a regained heartbeat through her pulse.

Shortly after, she began breathing on her own and regained consciousness, according to official reports of the incident.

Township Fire Department EMTs took an EKG at the scene, notified the hospital and transported her to Trinity Health Livonia Hospital. She regained consciousness and was alert enroute to the hospital, officials said. Township paramedics even accompanied Mouele into the cath lab and were present for her cardiac catheterization procedure.

Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegel presented civilian life-saving awards last week to Mouele's colleagues who helped save her life.

"These positive outcomes do not happen by chance. This success was due to the efforts of her co-workers, our dispatch, police officers, and firefighter/paramedics," officials said in a prepared statement.

"Northville Township Fire Department's Advanced Life Support program has such success in resuscitating victims who suffer a cardiac arrest that our survival rates have continued to be three times the state and national averages," Siegel added.

Cristal Mouele, center, was on hand at Northville Township Hall last week as her coworkers and the first responders who saved her life were officially recognized for their heroism. Photo provided by Northville Township.

Touch-A-Truck

Municipal vehicles from the Northville Fire and Police departments, the water department, Northville City Hall, DTE Energy and other service trucks appeared in the Northville High School parking lot last weekend in an event hosted by the Northville District Library. Organizers said the inaugural Tough-A-Truck event drew a large crowd interested in talking with public safety and utility personnel. Firefighters explained the various equipment necessary in executing water/ice rescues or vehicle extrications along with various equipment including patrol cars and service trucks.

Garden Walk tickets now available

Tickets for the Garden Club of Northville Annual Garden Walk are now available.

This year, the self-directed tour of six private gardens will take place from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 12.

Advance tickets for the Garden Walk are available at Gardenviews at Home or online at Eventbrite. Advance sale tickets are priced at $12 while tickets the day of the walk will be available only at the Green Space 199 South Wing St., behind the Northville Public Library and will be $15. Artisans and vendors will be on hand to offer unique garden related items as well as plant material, an organizer said.

For more information or to purchase tickets by phone, call (734) 788-9935.

Moving up

Northville Township Police Sgt. Tony Dang was recently promoted to his new rank in the department. Officials said that "Dang has displayed remarkable dedication and perseverance throughout a rigorous and demanding promotional process, and we are proud to witness his achievement. Officer Dang's successful navigation of this intensive and stressful journey serves as a true testament to his unwavering work ethic and commitment to excellence" officials concluded in a social media statement.

ROMULUS

Flag Day
Original Rosie the Riveter honored in Romulus event

The annual celebration of Flag Day in Romulus this year included a special presentation to 99-year-old Ruth Pegauski, an official and original Rosie the Riveter.

Traditionally, the ceremony on June 14, national Flag Day, includes a presentation of the colors from the World War One Monument in Romulus Historical Park. This year, members of the Honor Guard from Romulus VFW Post 78 and Mayor Robert a. McCraight presented the colors to Pegauski to honor her efforts during the war.

Pegauski was born in 1924 and celebrated her 99th birthday Jan. 2. She became an official Rose when she worked as a Riveter in Highland Park and was then sent to Willow Run Airport when her skills were needed during the war effort. She continues working at Willow Run for the remainder of World War II, from 1939 until 1945.

Pegauski recently retired from her position as a site manager with the Meals on Wheels program A widow, Pegauski and her husband, a World War II veteran, were the parents of three children. She said following her retirement a few months ago, she now only manages her dog, Trixie Pooh.

McCraight thanked Pegauski during the official ceremony and noted she was part of the machine that won World War II and defeated Hitler.

Romulus Fire Department Captain John Thiede presented a historical account of the American Flag during the ceremony which takes place at the monument each year.

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight thanks Rosie the Riveter Ruth Pegauski during Flag Day ceremonies June 14 at Historical Park in the city.

Romulus accepts 'patriotic' challenge during Patriots in the Park picnic

Who will claim the honors as Most Patriotic City this year? Romulus is preparing to compete for the title for 2023 during the Patriots in the Park event set for July 8 at Romulus Historical Park.

The picnic will include food and games as the crowd awaits the "Wounded America" charity motorcycle ride to pass through Romulus. The annual fundraiser raises thousands of dollars to help local veterans and usually sets a goal of $35,000 for the event.

Food will be provided at the picnic from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in cooperation with the Romulus Rotary Club.

The City of Romulus has been challenged by neighboring communities Dearborn Heights, Grosse Ile, Southgate, Riverview and Trenton for the title of most patriotic community. In 2022, the City of Riverview won the patriotic competition with the highest attendance. This year can be our year, city officials said.

"Let's show our neighboring communities our Romulus patriotic pride! Bring the family for some fun and games and help us raise money to help our vets," an organizer of the event said. Residents are urged to bring family members and friends to the event. Veterans will be admitted to the picnic at no cost and donations are accepted from all others.

Picnickers are urged to wear red, white and blue, and bring American flags and other patriotic items to display and wave as the crowd welcomes the motorcycle riders passing through on the charity ride. There will be prizes for the most patriotic display and best patriotic attire.

There are several other surprises planned during the event, organizers said. Historical Park is located at 11137 Hunt St. in the city.

"Patriots in the Park"
Romulus Community Picnic
July 8, 2023
10 am to 1:00 pm
Romulus Historical Park

(Food provided in partnership with the Romulus Rotary from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Join us at the Romulus Historical Park for a time of fun and fellowship at this FREE event.

Food, a bounce house and games for all ages will be provided as we await over 200 motorcycles participating in the *2023 Wounded America Charity Motorcycle Ride* to drive past the pavilion grounds!!!

This annual Wounded America Charity Motorcycle Ride raises **thousands** of dollars to help our **local veterans**. Romulus has been ***challenged*** by participating neighboring communities Dearborn Heights, Grosse Ile, Southgate, Riverview and Trenton for the title of *most patriotic community*. ***In 2022, the City of Riverview won the Patriotic Competition. This year can be our year!***

Let's show our neighboring communities our Romulus patriotic pride!

The event is free, so bring your family, friends and invite your neighbors.

Wear your Red, White and Blue, and bring your American flag to wave and other patriotic items to display as we welcome the parade participants. There will be prizes for the ***most patriotic display*** and best ***patriotic attire***. Plus other surprises during the event!

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Plymouth - Sumpter

Township manager's official job description accepted by trustees

Anthony Burdick now has an official job description detailing his duties and responsibilities as Sumpter Township manager.

Burdick was named township manager effective July 1, 2022 by a unanimous vote of the board of trustees. He had been the deputy township clerk for 31/2 years prior to his appointment.

Board members have been discussing an official job description for Burdick almost since his appointment and the document was finalized last month during a meeting of the board.

Trustee Matt Oddy, who had been instrumental in preparing the job description, said he was finally satisfied with the document which had been under discussion for several months. The job description appeared as an agenda item for previous board members but was removed by a motion from Oddy who said he wanted to ensure the final document met the needs of the township and Burdick.

When presenting the finalized job description to the members of the board during the May 23 meeting, Oddy said he was satisfied with the document.

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"All the way around, I think it's a very good document to get accomplished items we would expect the township manager to have his hands on," Oddy told the trustees.

He cautioned his fellow board members, however, that the job description could not include every situation that might occur during Burdick's day-to-day management of the township.

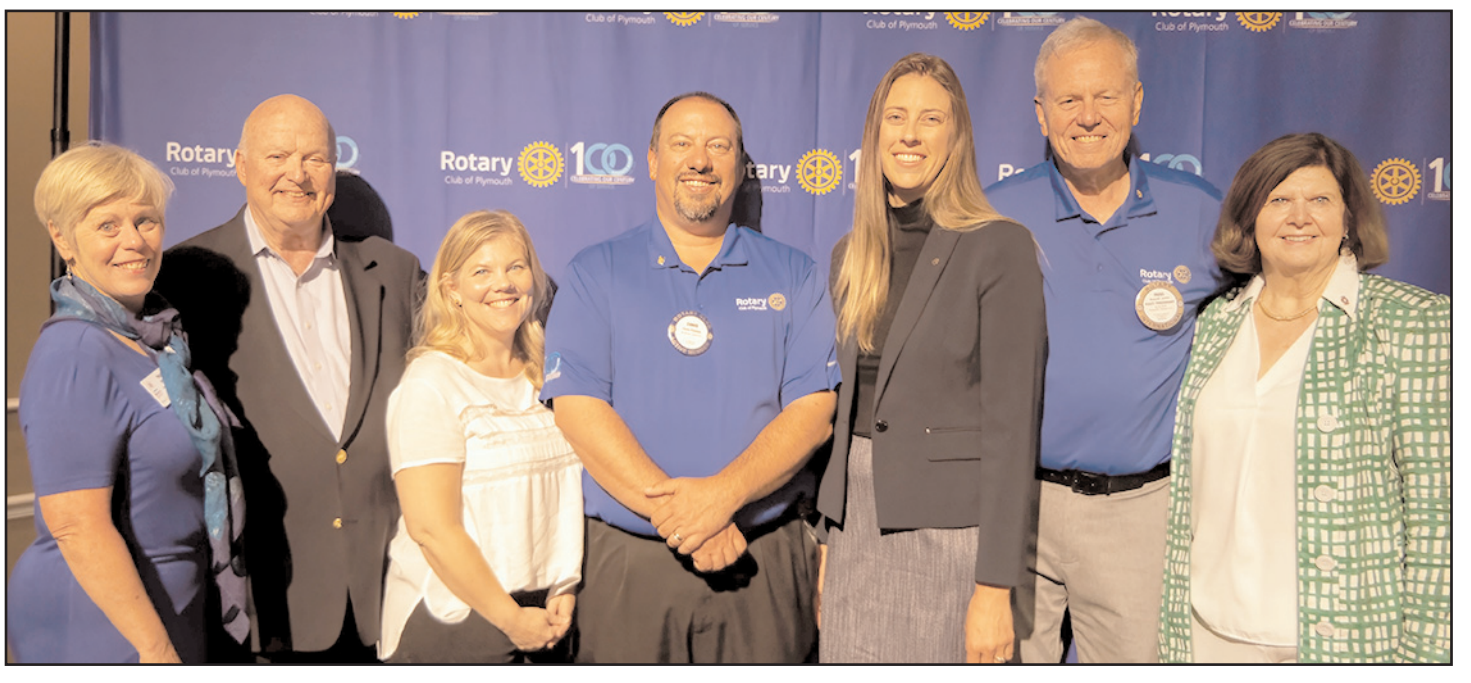
"We really can't call it a final product because there are always things that come along," he said, but reiterated that he felt the proposed contract was satisfactory.

Burdick succeeded Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole who left the township in November and had been acting as an as-hoc supervisor in the community for several months prior to his official appointment as township manager job last year.

Trustee Tim Rush was appointed as deputy supervisor following Cole's resignation while the township hiring committee began an official search for a township administrator. The field of candidates was reduced to three who were interviewed and all ultimately rejected by the board of trustees.

Changing of the Guard

Members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club celebrated the induction of a new member and a new president during their meeting last week at the Community Center. Rotary District Governor Traci Sincock, far left, was on hand as Immediate Pat President Penny Joy, far right, handed the gavel to new President Chris Porman, center, whose wife, Chris Porman, second from left, attended the meeting. Don Soenen, second from left, will become a member of the Rotary Club Board on July 1 and was the sponsor of new member Marie McCormick, third from right. Russ Jones, second from right, is the District Governor Elect and will take office July 1 when Sincock steps down from the post. Photo by Helen Yancy.



Phase III of Plymouth Central Parking Deck renovation is under way

Crews were expected to complete Phase II of the 2023 Central Parking Deck renovation project in downtown Plymouth last weekend.

Phase III of the project was expected to begin immediately and will require the closure of the entire upper level of the Central Parking Deck as preparations begin for the resurfacing of the upper level and the ramp. Work on Phase III is expected to take approximately one week, depending on weather conditions, officials said, and the entire upper level will remain closed during that time.

Motorists can park vehicles without time limits at the Christian Science Church located at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The Downtown Development Authority staff secured the area for additional public parking through the end of June. Locations of additional municipal lots are available at: https://downtownplymouth.org/105/Maps. Enforcement of all other time limits will remain in place during this project, officials said.

Once Phase III is complete, only a few minor repairs will remain with little to no impact on the parking system.

Crews are expected to return after Art in the Park weekend to make those minor repairs to complete the project

More information is available by email at dda@plymouthmi.gov.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
July 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 to consider:

- West side of Ridge Rd., north of Five Mile Rd. (Parcel # 77 071 99 0002 702) Conditional rezoning from ORT (Office, Research & Technology) to RM-1 (Multiple Family Residential) for 98 attached residential units on approximately 25 acres.
- Draft Master Plan

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Information will be available for viewing at the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 no later than 12:00 PM on the day on the above meeting.

Matthew Wilk, Chair
Planning Commission

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CANTON

Canton recreation supervisor wins national award

> *"She is a consummate professional who lives and breathes the benefits of parks and recreation.*

Canton Township Leisure Services Recreation Supervisor Laura Mortier has received the prestigious 2023 Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Mortier has now joined the ranks of just over a dozen other parks and recreation professionals in the United States who have also received this same distinguished NRPA award. The Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award recognizes the vision and dedication of individuals who have tirelessly worked to improve the quality of life in America through parks and recreation and who will serve as examples for future leaders in continuing the recreation and park movement into the 21st century, according to a prepared statement.

"To say that Laura's dedication to the parks and recreation profession is exemplary, would be putting it mildly," said Jon LaFever, Canton community development director. "She is a consummate professional who lives and breathes the benefits of parks and recreation. Laura is quick to show initiative and is passionate about helping others. She has been a driving force in the development of numerous creative and advocacy programs that have all gone on to be highly successful. Her creative, hands-on approach and great leadership have earned her many accolades in our community, as well as across the state of Michigan. She truly epitomizes what a parks and recreation professional exemplifies and is so deserving of this national recognition."

The 2023 Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award will be presented to Mortier during the NRPA Annual Conference in Dallas this fall.

Mortier has previously been honored as a new professional in the parks and recreation industry in the state of Michigan. In 2019 Mortier received the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (mParks) New Professional award for exhibiting outstanding service and dedication to Canton Leisure Services, as well as to the mParks organization. In addition, Mortier has also served on the mParks Board as a director at large.

Since the age of 17, Mortier has worked for Canton Leisure Services, starting out as a junior day camp counselor to advance to a top leadership position as Recreation Supervisor. Mortier currently oversees the operations and programming of The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center for area youth ages 11-17, Canton Therapeutic Recreation programming, enrichment classes, and summer camps, in addition to special events. During her tenure, she has also launched Lead #LikeAGirl and Be a #ModelMan, two award-winning leadership programs for youth that remain in high demand at The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center which receive continuous recognition for their success and innovation.

During the past few years, Mortier has also deeply been involved in serving on several mParks committees where she has leveraged her commitment to the mParks board and her passion for the parks and recreation field by contributing to the advancement of mParks' initiatives for growing diversity and youth development, according to a prepared press release.

Laura Mortier

Within the Canton community, Mortier also holds a seat on a local charter school board, while also serving on the Canton Cares Committee, and the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage. In addition, she is an active leader in her church on the Peace and Justice Committee, as well as a member of "Chicks for Charity," a local women's charity. Mortier is also a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP), which is administered by the National Certification Board and the National Recreation and Park Association. This CPRP certification is granted to individuals employed in the recreation, park resources, and leisure services professions who meet the eligibility requirements. Mortier, her husband Matt, and their daughter Matilda currently reside in Canton.

Juneteenth exhibit continues at Village Arts Factory gallery

The Fine Art Gallery at the Village Arts Factory welcomes the featured works of local artist Carl Davis in celebration of the Juneteenth holiday entitled "Juneteenth Series," which will be on public display until July 20.

The dichotomy of Juneteenth, being seen as both a celebration of freedom as well as a somber remembrance, is not lost on Carl Davis. In his own words, "How we honor America's not-so-glorious past, is to open your mind to the change of how we think." Davis said he believes creating art through collage work, "allows the mind to ponder abstract art of natural landscapes, the legacy of slavery, the countless people who suffered the cruelty of slavery, and many of those who rose up and fought for freedom."

Davis said as a child he spent time learning to draw and paint at The Cincinnati Art Academy and later studied at The Cincinnati Art Museum. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from The Ohio State University.

After a long career as an art director in the Midwest and in New York City, where Davis was the Creative Director in Advertising for The New York Times, he returned to his first love of painting. He has exhibited his work in various galleries throughout New York, Chicago, California, and Europe, with various celebrities, organizations, and companies collecting his artwork.

During Carl Davis' travels throughout southern Europe and Northwest Africa, he became enamored with the religious-themed fresco art. Drawn to the antique quality, peeling, and fading that comes over time, Davis worked for years to master this painting method. This included controlling wet plaster on various surfaces and then creating various textures using dry pigment and marble dust, among other medium choices.

Post-pandemic, Davis brought his passion along with him as he relocated to Canton, Michigan to reside and spend time with his family. Completing the "Juneteenth Series" exhibit, represents the remembrance of his work throughout his art career, using archival paper of past work woven into his painted fresco technique on canvas and wood, he said.

This special exhibit is free and open to the public during gallery hours from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through -Friday as well as during all public Village Arts Factory events, or by special appointment arranged via email to kevin.ryan@cantonmi.gov.

The Art Gallery at The Village Arts Factory is located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

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Wayne and Westland compete for state award

Nine projects have been submitted to compete for the statewide Community Excellence Award (CEA)-the most prestigious Michigan Municipal League community honor.

Both Wayne and Westland have submitted projects for consideration of the award.

Four finalists will be selected to compete at the league convention, where city representatives will present their projects on the main stage and market their projects at designated CEA finalist booths. The October convention will take place in October in Traverse City where attendees will vote for their favorite among the four finalists. The project winning the most votes will be awarded the official Community Excellence Award during the closing general session.

"We are excited about the projects that have been submitted," said Barb Ziarko, the president of the League Board of Trustees and a member of the Sterling Heights City Council. "We would like to thank each community participating this year. Projects like these are vital to creating thriving communities across the state."

Since 2007, the CEA has been the most prestigious community award of the league. It's also affectionately called "The Race for the Cup" because the winning community gets a large trophy and bragging rights for the year.

The City of Wayne submitted the Zeke the Therapy Dog project while Westland officials entered Mission to Mars Themed Playground into the competition.

Westland offering new Community Connect program

Members of the Westland Fire Department are using technology to help keep residents safe.

"When responding to a residence, there is often critical information that would assist in how we respond to that incident. Letting us know who the best point of contact is in case of an emergency, if yourself or family members have functional needs that we should prepare for, or even if you have pets we should look out for, can really help us serve you in the most effective way possible when it matters most", stated Fire Chief Darrell Stamper.

To facilitate that safety information, the fire department has implemented Community Connect, a computer application focused on protecting residents and their property in the most effective way possible during an incident or major disaster. Community Connect is a secure, easy to use platform that allows residents to share critical information about their household. That information is often critically important to first responders and emergency service personnel and helps them respond more efficiently and effectively; ultimately resulting in better incident outcomes, Stamper noted.

Community Connect is completely voluntary and residents are individually able to decide what information they are comfortable sharing. Residents simply create a profile and enter critical property and occupant information which is then made available to public safety agencies at the time of dispatch. Data provided by residents within Community Connect is 100 percent secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving the resident during emergency situations, city officials said.

> *Community Connect is a secure, easy to use platform that allows residents to share critical information.*

In addition to residents sharing information about their family, home, pets, and critical details with the Westland Fire Department, Community Connect has also made it possible for residents to request smoke alarms right through the website.

Community Connect is now available for residents to create household profiles and begin using the service. Westland officials said they intend to listen to resident feedback and improve the service overtime.

"We are very pleased to add another element for our residents and first responders to keep us a regional leader on safe community practices. This initiative adds to our recent free business inspections, CPR training classes for the public and city staff, and the Westland Police Department's many initiatives, such as the 911 Disability Awareness Registry", said Westland Mayor Michael P. Londeau.

For more information about the Westland Community Connect visit: https://www.communityconnect.io/info/mi-westland.

Celebration

Inkster residents marked the Juneteenth holiday last week with a community gathering at Inkster Park on John Daly Road. The event included several live music performances, vendors, a magic show and a car exhibition along with a Celebration of Freedom. State, county and local elected officials were in attendance during the event. Among the several remembrances of the day was a ceremony led by Pastor John D. Hern who honored current ancestors and set the atmosphere for the day of celebration and Michael Imhotep of the African History Network was also a guest speaker. Participants also walked to the water as part of the Middle Passage Memorial with organizers from the We Rise and Community Up project.

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